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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE-FRELIMO NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SUMMARY. FRELIMO SOURCE HAS SUGGESTED MAJ. ANTUNES IS
RELUCTANT TO TAKE UP KEY POSITION IN MOZAMBIQUE BECAUSE HE
WILL BE PLACED IN UNTENABLE ROLE. EMBASSY HAS HEARD REPORT
THAT DIFFERENCES ARE DEVELOPING WITHIN FRELIMO OVER TIMETABLE
FOR INDEPENDENCE. FRELIMO IS REPORTEDLY WORKING ON NAMES FOR
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CABINET TO BE ANNOUNCED AT BRAZZAVILLE SUMMIT MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. FINNISH EMBASSY CHARGE, KIMMO PULKKINEN, MET AUGUST 20 WITH JANET MONDLANE, WIFE OF FORMER FRELIMO PRESIDENT. HE GAVE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF DISCUSSION TO EMB. OFF. ALTHOUGH PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO EXPLAIN THAT FINLAND, FOR FIRST TIME, IS PREPARED TO GIVE ASSISTANCE DIRECTLY TO LIBERATION GROUPS, PULKKINEN ALSO ASKED ABOUT RECENT FRELIMO-PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATIONS IN DAR ES SALAAM. (FOR SOME TIME NOW, FINLAND HAS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION GROUPS THROUGH UN AGENCIES AND AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE.)

3. MONDLANE STRESSED THAT FRELIMO IS NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT AGREEMENT WHEREIN PORTUGAL REMAINS, IN EFFECT, IN CONTROL OF COUNTRY. THERE IS SOME FEELING WITHIN FRELIMO THAT PORTUGAL IS TRYING TO RETAIN CONTROL OVER MOZAMBIQUE THROUGH GUISE OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE IS WARINESS WITHIN ORGANIZATION TO ACCEPT PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH LEAVES PORTUGAL IN PREDOMINANT POSITION.

4. PULKKINEN SPECIFICALLY ASKED ABOUT POSTPONEMENT OF SWEARING-IN OF MAJ. MELO ANTUNES. MONDLANE REPLIED ANTUNES ARRIVED IN DAR ES SALAAM WITH PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATING TEAM AS SPINOLA'S HAND-PICKED CANDIDATE TO BE PRESIDENT OF MOZAMBIQUE JUNTA. DURING TALKS WITH FRELIMO, IT WAS APPARENT HE WAS MOST SYMPATHETIC TO FRELIMO POSITION. ACCORDING TO MONDLANE, IN VIEW OF STRONG FRELIMO BELIEF THAT IT SHOULD HOLD PREDOMINANT POSITION IN NEW GOVERNMENT, ANTUNES DECIDED HIS ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF JUNTA MIGHT BE UNTENABLE. THUS, HE IS NOW RELUCTANT TO TAKE JOB.

5. AUSTRALIAN COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY, MICHAEL OVINGTON, MET EARLIER IN WEEK WITH BRITISH JOURNALIST WHO HAD HAD INTERVIEWS WITH FRELIMO VP MARCELINO DOS SANTOS AND NUMBER THREE MAN, JOAQUIN CHISSANO, FOLLOWING FRELIMO-PORTUGUESE TALKS. OVINGTON EXPLAINED TO EMB. OFF. THAT JOURNALIST HAD IMPRESSION THERE IS CURRENTLY DIVERGENCE WITHIN FRELIMO ON NEXT STEP. DOS SANTOS TOOK HARD LINE IN INTERVIEW AND STRESSED DESIRE FOR IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE UNDER FRELIMO. CHISSANO, WHO IMPLIED HE WAS ALSO SPEAKING FOR FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL, WAS WILL TO BE MORE CONCILIATORY AND BEGIN WITH PROVISIONAL REGIME IN WHICH FRELIMO OCCUPIED KEY POSITIONS.

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6. LOCAL REUTERS CORRESPONDENT, MICHAEL FARTHERS, TOLD EMB. OFF. TODAY HE HAS JUST LEARNED FROM SOURCE CLOSE TO FRELIMO THAT ORGANIZATION IS NOW ENGAGED IN NAMING CABINET WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN SUMMIT MEETING IN BRAZZAVILLE AT END OF MONTH.

7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN DAR ES SALAAM ON

CURRENT STATUS OF PORTUGUESE-FRELIMO RELATIONS IS SKETCHY AND NOT TOTALLY CONSISTENT, IT DOES APPEAR AS THOUGH THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT WITHIN FRELIMO CONCERNING DEPENDENCE FOR MOZAMBIQUE. WHILE BOTH FACTIONS WANT FRELIMO IN CONTROL GOVERNMENT, MACHEL AND CHISSANO MAY BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT PORTUGUESE AS TITULAR HEAD OF GOVERNMENT WHILE DOS SANTOS IS NOT.
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